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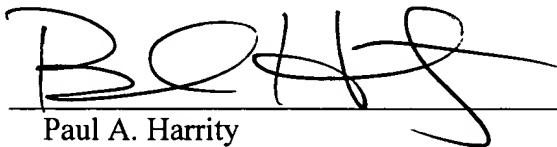
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☐ The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. _ discloses _.

2. _ discloses _.

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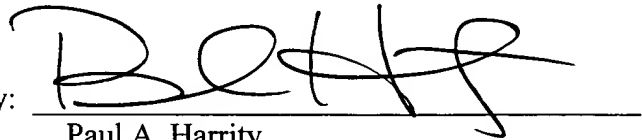
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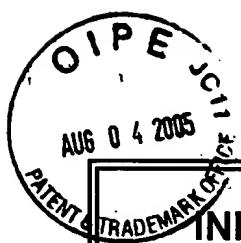
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